

NEW SOUTH WALES

MONTHLY SUMMARY

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1. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups (b).								Professional and Personal Services. (d)
	Govern- mental. (a)	Private. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Finance and Property.	Wholesale Trade.	Retail Trade.		
MALES. (Thousands.)												
1933—June ...	103.2	277.4	380.6	18.1	94.5	55.1	65.0	78.4			44.2	
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	59.0			44.0	
1941—July ...	141.5	406.2	547.7	26.0	202.1	54.0	76.8	14.9	28.7	41.6	49.3	
1943—July ...	156.9	365.2	522.1	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	10.5	22.9	28.7	39.6	
1944—July ...	152.2	372.0	524.2	24.4	217.6	28.2	82.3	10.6	23.4	28.5	42.6	
1945—July ...	156.7	384.5	541.2	24.7	216.6	34.2	86.0	11.3	24.3	30.2	45.8	
1946—July ...	169.8	455.6	625.4	25.7	239.7	45.1	97.3	16.9	34.3	42.1	57.0	
1947—July ...	179.0	497.7	676.7	26.7	255.7	57.0	102.7	18.8	37.9	46.6	62.9	
1948—April ...	185.3	513.9	699.2	27.7	264.4	59.3	107.3	19.5	40.2	49.2	64.4	
June ...	186.1	516.2	702.3	28.1	265.2	60.1	107.9	19.5	39.8	49.3	64.7	
July ...	186.8	515.4	702.2	28.0	265.2	61.1	107.4	19.5	39.6	49.4	64.5	
Aug. ...	187.3	516.5	703.8	27.9	265.4	61.6	107.3	19.6	39.9	49.7	64.6	
Sept. ...	187.8	517.0	704.8	28.0	265.8	61.4	107.6	19.6	40.5	49.3	64.7	
Oct. ...	188.0	516.7	704.7	26.4	265.3	61.9	108.4	19.6	40.9	49.3	64.8	
Nov. ...	188.7	519.4	708.1	27.3	266.4	62.2	107.8	19.7	41.1	50.6	64.8	
Dec. ...	189.9	520.4	710.3	27.6	265.7	61.5	108.3	19.9	41.3	52.6	65.0	
1949—Jan. ...	190.5	521.8	712.3	26.9	268.4	62.4	108.5	20.0	41.4	50.7	65.3	
Feb. ...	191.5	524.8	716.3	27.6	269.9	62.7	109.6	20.0	41.8	50.0	66.0	
Mar. ...	191.4	526.0	717.4	27.5	270.2	63.2	110.0	20.2	41.5	49.9	66.2	
April ...	191.8	526.1	717.9	27.3	268.6	64.4	109.5	20.3	42.2	50.0	66.9	
FEMALES. (Thousands.)												
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	0.1	36.3	0.3	3.7	33.6			49.4	
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	8.5			36.0	
1941—July ...	21.7	196.6	218.3	0.2	76.0	0.7	8.2	8.3	9.5	41.0	60.2	
1943—July ...	46.1	207.7	253.8	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	9.9	10.7	38.5	65.9	
1944—July ...	45.6	205.4	251.0	0.2	91.6	0.7	13.8	10.2	10.5	36.3	67.7	
1945—July ...	43.4	203.3	246.7	0.2	85.7	0.7	14.5	10.6	10.5	37.5	69.6	
1946—July ...	32.8	210.2	243.0	0.2	83.1	0.9	12.9	10.0	11.1	39.2	73.3	
1947—July ...	32.3	220.6	252.9	0.2	86.8	1.0	12.8	10.4	11.9	40.9	77.1	
1948—April ...	33.2	226.4	259.6	0.3	90.5	1.0	13.2	10.8	12.7	42.7	79.5	
June ...	33.6	228.3	261.9	0.2	90.2	1.1	13.9	10.9	12.9	43.0	79.6	
July ...	33.4	229.3	262.7	0.3	91.1	1.1	13.8	10.9	13.6	42.8	79.1	
Aug. ...	33.7	229.3	263.0	0.3	91.7	1.1	13.9	10.9	13.2	42.7	79.4	
Sept. ...	33.7	232.0	265.7	0.3	92.6	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.5	43.1	80.4	
Oct. ...	33.7	233.8	267.5	0.3	93.5	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.6	43.4	80.9	
Nov. ...	33.9	235.8	269.7	0.3	93.9	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.8	44.8	81.0	
Dec. ...	34.1	237.0	271.1	0.2	93.1	1.1	14.1	11.0	13.6	47.2	80.8	
1949—Jan. ...	34.4	232.0	266.4	0.3	90.7	1.1	14.1	11.2	13.5	44.3	81.2	
Feb. ...	35.0	233.0	268.0	0.3	92.2	1.1	14.2	11.4	18.6	43.8	81.3	
Mar. ...	35.1	234.0	269.1	0.3	92.8	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.5	43.7	81.7	
April ...	35.2	233.8	269.0	0.3	93.0	1.1	14.3	11.6	13.6	43.3	81.7	
PERSONS. (Thousands.)												
1933—June ...	120.0	386.4	506.4	18.2	130.8	55.4	68.7	112.0			93.6	
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	67.5			80.0	
1941—July ...	163.2	602.8	766.0	26.2	278.1	54.7	85.0	23.2	38.2	82.6	105.7	
1943—July ...	203.0	572.9	775.9	25.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	20.4	33.6	67.2	105.5	
1944—July ...	197.8	577.4	775.2	24.6	309.2	28.9	96.1	20.8	33.9	64.8	110.3	
1945—July ...	200.1	587.8	787.9	24.9	302.3	34.9	100.5	21.9	34.8	67.7	115.4	
1946—July ...	202.6	665.8	868.4	25.9	322.8	46.0	110.2	26.9	45.4	81.3	130.3	
1947—July ...	211.3	718.3	929.6	26.9	342.5	58.0	115.5	29.2	49.8	87.5	140.0	
1948—April ...	218.5	740.3	958.8	28.0	354.9	60.3	120.5	30.3	52.9	91.9	143.9	
June ...	219.7	744.5	964.2	28.3	355.4	61.2	121.8	30.4	52.7	92.3	144.3	
July ...	220.2	744.7	964.9	28.3	356.3	62.2	121.2	30.4	53.2	92.2	143.6	
Aug. ...	221.0	745.8	966.8	28.2	357.1	62.7	121.2	30.5	53.1	92.4	144.0	
Sept. ...	221.5	749.0	970.5	28.3	358.4	62.5	121.5	30.6	54.0	92.4	145.1	
Oct. ...	221.7	750.5	972.2	26.7	358.8	63.0	122.3	30.6	54.5	92.7	145.7	
Nov. ...	222.6	755.2	977.8	27.6	360.3	63.3	121.7	30.7	54.9	95.4	145.8	
Dec. ...	224.0	757.4	981.4	27.8	358.8	62.6	122.4	30.9	54.9	99.8	145.8	
1949—Jan. ...	224.9	753.8	978.7	27.2	359.1	63.5	122.6	31.2	54.9	95.0	146.5	
Feb. ...	226.5	757.8	984.3	27.9	362.1	63.8	123.8	31.4	55.4	93.8	147.3	
Mar. ...	226.5	760.0	986.5	27.8	363.0	64.3	124.3	31.8	55.0	93.6	147.9	
April ...	227.0	759.9	986.9	27.6	361.6	65.5	123.8	31.9	55.8	93.3	148.6	

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors.

(c) From July, 1948, subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

2. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES.

		Month of April.			Ten Months ended 30th April.		
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
1947	...	2,482,789	2,108,907	373,882	25,436,164	20,695,956	4,739,208
1948	...	3,203,327	2,628,468	574,859	30,398,662	24,855,529	5,542,133
1949	...	3,357,339	2,989,981	367,358	32,964,501	28,724,384	4,240,117

* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS TRAFFIC.

		Month of April.		Ten Months ended 30th April.	
		Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1947	...	1,316	22,017	13,779	216,317
1948	...	1,553	22,913	14,546	219,557
1949	...	1,333	22,691	14,319	218,859

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

3. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.					NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.			Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
	Tram.	'Bus.	Total.					
Month of April—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947	358,400	125,600	484,000	486,600	(-) 2,600	48,800	48,600	200
1948	410,400	194,000	604,400	627,200	(-) 22,800	61,700	66,600	(-) 4,900
1949	447,100	285,900	733,000	701,000	32,000	75,200	67,200	8,000
Ten Months ended 30th April—								
1947	3,408,400	1,192,300	4,600,700	4,619,000	(-) 18,300	493,400	489,900	3,500
1948	4,202,900	1,751,000	5,953,900	5,866,300	87,600	621,300	617,800	3,500
1949	4,040,100	2,513,000	6,553,100	6,295,200	257,900	711,100	679,200	31,900

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £634,816 in year 1947-48.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947, and 29th November, 1948.

4. MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE REGISTER IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

At end of Month.	Cars. *	Public Passenger Vehicles.†	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Total of Foregoing.	Cycles.		Traders' Plates.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total on Register.
					Solo.	Side-car.				
1939—June ...	213,331	4,807	76,726	294,864	17,180	6,971	1,164	1,035	6,414	327,628
1946—" ...	188,191	5,213	97,176	290,580	15,546	4,946	848	2,056	11,067	325,043
1947—" ...	195,857	5,631	113,544	315,032	19,316	5,856	1,160	2,374	14,712	358,450
1948—March ...	205,648	6,199	124,383	336,030	22,278	6,440	1,331	3,061	17,886	387,226
June ...	210,506	6,262	127,413	344,181	23,501	6,575	1,438	3,398	18,317	397,410
Sept. ...	216,777	6,400	131,085	354,262	24,900	6,738	1,581	3,712	18,928	410,121
Dec. ...	222,104	6,489	134,620	363,213	26,454	6,944	1,637	3,996	20,181	422,425
1949—Jan. ...	223,332	6,476	135,364	365,172	26,825	6,947	1,623	4,056	20,624	425,247
Feb. ...	224,722	6,481	135,932	367,135	27,436	6,942	1,643	4,121	20,835	428,112
March ...	226,768	6,536	137,267	370,571	27,911	7,108	1,690	4,226	21,006	432,512
April ...	228,456	6,571	138,313	373,340	28,504	7,079	1,727	4,282	21,209	436,141

* Excluding public passenger vehicles; in previous issues cars included omnibuses and taxicabs in country districts and all hire cars and tourist vehicles. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

† Classification at 30th April, 1949, was:—

	Omnibuses.	Taxicabs.	Hire Cars.	Tourist Vehicles.
Metropolitan and Newcastle	1,576	1,646	502	} 128
Other Districts	1,298	961	460	

5. NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Period.	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Taxicabs. *	Omnibuses. *	Cycles.	Tractors. †	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-39 ...	1,748	721	47	12	191	15	99	2,833
1942-45 ...	36	179	2	4	13	13	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	...	4	170	25	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	5	23	265	31	250	2,225
1948 ...	1,800	846	16	29	523	60	266	3,540
Month—								
1948—April ...	1,776	724	5	26	546	57	222	3,356
June ...	1,852	912	19	28	418	68	150	3,447
Sept. ...	2,253	1,099	15	53	520	77	232	4,249
Oct. ...	2,096	936	27	34	548	68	245	3,954
Nov. ...	1,795	975	21	50	669	72	309	3,891
Dec. ...	1,783	996	16	31	701	49	692	4,268
1949—Jan. ...	1,237	617	14	12	495	55	420	2,850
Feb. ...	1,702	683	8	24	737	53	238	3,445
March ...	2,423	1,207	19	17	797	82	228	4,773
April ...	2,222	1,006	9	14	681	58	242	4,232

* Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

6. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	570,080	608,306	699,023	712,718
February ...	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648
March ...	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,625
April ...	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	714,659
May ...	431,149	575,144	663,518	693,550	...
June ...	433,029	575,864	679,505	699,259	...
July ...	433,972	580,747	686,633	703,745	...
August ...	431,029	583,172	691,944	703,993	...
September ...	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	...
October ...	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	...
November ...	440,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	...
December ...	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	...

7. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Private building figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of the Metropolis, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by all local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State (a) and (b).			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 (a)	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1944 (a)	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945 (a)	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946 (a)	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947 (a)	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947 (b)	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
1948 (b)	22,595	6,244	28,839	26,848	5,099	31,947	49,443	11,343	60,786
Jan.—Apl. (b)									
1948 ...	6,565	1,949	8,514	7,802	1,442	9,244	14,367	3,391	17,758
1949 ...	8,570	2,591	11,161	9,415	1,807	11,222	17,985	4,398	22,383
Month (b)									
1948—Feb.	1,499	379	1,878	1,893	367	2,260	3,392	746	4,138
Mar.	1,970	450	2,420	1,940	495	2,435	3,910	945	4,855
Apl.	1,799	846	2,645	2,440	364	2,804	4,239	1,210	5,449
1949—Feb.	1,923	282	2,205	2,282	364	2,646	4,205	646	4,851
Mar.	2,640	869	3,509	2,951	974	3,925	5,591	1,843	7,434
Apl.	2,146	908	3,054	2,337	389	2,726	4,483	1,297	5,780

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

8. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Remainder of State (a) and (b)	Total, New South Wales.
	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 (a)	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1943 (a)	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a)	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a)	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a)	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a)	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b)	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948 (b)	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
Jan.—Apl. (b)					
1948 ...	6,565	3,035	9,600	4,767	14,367
1949 ...	8,570	3,478	12,048	5,937	17,985
Month (b)					
1948—Feb.	1,499	754	2,253	1,139	3,392
Mar.	1,970	728	2,698	1,212	3,910
Apl.	1,799	940	2,739	1,500	4,239
1949—Feb.	1,923	802	2,725	1,480	4,205
Mar.	2,640	1,090	3,730	1,861	5,591
Apl.	2,146	921	3,067	1,416	4,483

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 7.

9. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE & GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.

ESTIMATED COST.—New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Metropolis.</i>								
Year, 1947 ...	16,523	1,373	167	163	184	3,471	2,670	24,551
" 1948 ...	19,882	1,774	86	271	180	3,676	2,970	28,839
Jan.-April, 1948 ...	5,622	541	3	101	25	1,313	909	8,514
" 1949 ...	7,659	816	2	80	51	1,125	1,428	11,161
Month								
1948—February ...	1,310	134	1	10	4	237	182	1,878
March ...	1,666	120	...	63	6	378	187	2,420
April ...	1,663	104	1	16	11	469	381	2,645
1949—February ...	1,833	145	...	12	13	124	78	2,205
March ...	2,180	246	1	43	19	632	388	3,509
April ...	2,088	361	1	11	12	127	454	3,054
<i>Remainder of State.</i>								
Year, 1947 ...	20,516	300	313	306	386	849	1,918	24,588
" 1948 ...	26,337	493	161	296	175	1,748	2,737	31,947
Jan.-April, 1948 ...	7,625	159	37	85	51	459	828	9,244
" 1949 ...	9,212	172	24	79	84	488	1,163	11,222
Month								
1948—February ...	1,938	34	21	29	3	37	198	2,260
March ...	1,945	60	1	5	12	61	351	2,435
April ...	2,246	40	14	28	18	306	152	2,804
1949—February ...	2,252	36	12	25	51	52	218	2,646
March ...	2,876	41	7	18	11	288	684	3,925
April ...	2,356	72	1	31	13	90	163	2,726
<i>Total, New South Wales.</i>								
Year, 1947 ...	37,039	1,673	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
" 1948 ...	46,219	2,267	247	567	355	5,424	5,707	60,786
Jan.-April, 1948 ...	13,247	700	40	186	76	1,772	1,737	17,758
" 1949 ...	16,871	988	26	159	135	1,613	2,591	22,383
Month								
1948—February ...	3,248	168	22	39	7	274	380	4,138
March ...	3,611	180	1	68	18	439	538	4,855
April ...	3,909	144	15	44	29	775	533	5,449
1949—February ...	4,085	181	12	37	64	176	296	4,851
March ...	5,056	287	8	61	30	920	1,072	7,434
April ...	4,444	433	2	42	25	217	617	5,780

10. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,023	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,407
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,219	4,571
Dec. Qtr. ...	5,309	3,308	3,453	8,470	5,393	5,423
Year 1948 ...	18,826	14,216	11,078	30,983	22,397	18,041
1949—March Qtr. ...	4,891	3,254	2,476	8,087	5,140	3,950

"Authorised" means permits issued for private dwellings plus contracts let for Governmental dwellings.
 At end of March, 1949, there were 23,635 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

11. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.
(Normal rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1948.													
April ...	80	102	145	75	107	90	112	140	126	92	40	71	76
May ...	145	138	120	129	133	117	123	102	109	123	117	186	129
June ...	202	204	102	214	171	168	171	111	134	363	194	156	293
July ...	79	23	33	28	43	73	19	35	36	20	29	17	23
August ...	53	68	50	70	58	50	67	52	56	58	41	14	48
September ...	131	113	70	72	100	129	91	72	84	167	185	40	155
October ...	27	40	119	55	64	26	49	110	84	6	20	81	19
November ...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	78
December ...	96	71	126	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70
1949.													
January ...	95	83	55	41	73	111	78	52	66	83	147	126	105
February ...	224	174	114	181	170	225	167	112	140	115	222	138	145
March ...	99	147	227	388	186	64	152	248	200	161	165	145	160
April ...	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74
May ...	45	98	129	165	101	41	91	120	103	82	68	138	85

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

12. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 37'9d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23'6d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price (subject to revision) was 47d. per lb. in Sept., 1948; 43'5d. in Oct.; 48'5d. in Nov.; 53d. in Dec., 1948 and Jan., 1949; 54'5d. in Feb.; 54'5d. (nominal) in March; 44d. in April; 44'5d. in May.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season.	Bales Received into Store during—		Sales at Auction during Ten Months ended 30th April.*			Bales in Store Unsold at end of April.†
		April.	Ten months ended 30th April.	Bales.		Amount Realised.	
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Sydney ...	1946-47	31,351	833,777	667,387	58,653	21,982,069	115,779
	1947-48	43,359	798,128	676,112	68,914	36,269,476	81,452
	1948-49	48,421	911,158	586,545	58,298	38,859,006	271,937
Newcastle	1946-47	6,483	149,721	141,610	174	4,236,854	8,689
	1947-48	7,006	144,943	131,441	46	6,730,963	11,852
	1948-49	9,817	165,628	143,559	...	9,036,078	15,165
Goulburn	1946-47	337	42,126	39,765	...	1,370,834	2,371
	1947-48	439	45,824	42,019	...	2,303,291	4,116
	1948-49	410	52,782	40,365	...	2,712,542	12,585
Total ...	1946-47	38,171	1,025,624	848,762	58,827	27,589,757	126,839
	1947-48	50,804	988,895	849,572	68,960	45,303,730	97,420
	1948-49	58,648	1,129,568	770,469	58,298	50,607,626	299,687

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

†Excluding stocks held by J.O.

13. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	busheis.	busheis.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1944-45	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18·9
1948-49*	4,570,000	4,280,000	66,000,000	15·4

*Preliminary estimate by Statistician, February, 1949.

14. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Thousand lb.							
July	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701
August	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,433
September	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623
October	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309
November	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456
December	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	8,336
January	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	8,632
February	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	8,243
March	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	9,022
April	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	6,785
May	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	...
June	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	...
Year	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	...
Ten Months ended April	99,761	81,393	63,958	67,040	52,103	68,230	66,542

15. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks. ‡	Last day of Period. (1949 dates.)	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
First Period ended on	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.	
First*	29th Jan.	731	625	640	519	859†	539	513
Second	26th Feb.	933	774	867	860	796	918	954
Third	26th Mar.	981	781	893	913	833	869	924
Fourth	23rd April	886	782	755	859	804	964	908
Fifth	21st May	1,003	930	791	674	773	878	970
Sixth	18th June	965	866	914	906	990	883	...
Seventh	16th July	918	884	846	798	992	941	...
Eighth	13th Aug.	953	884	914	846	995	984	...
Ninth	10th Sept.	1,028	880	778	911	994	1,061	...
Tenth	8th Oct.	984	970	842	975	979	1,024	...
Eleventh	5th Nov.	973	870	759	1,017	1,092	696	...
Twelfth	3rd Dec.	965	891	869	976	1,130	1,134	...
Thirteenth	31st Dec.	886	906	308	932	446*	830*	...
Year		12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	180	523	756	959	1,255	...
Period of 20 weeks ended—	16th May.	13th May.	12th May.	11th May.	24th May.	22nd May.	21st May.	
Northern District	3,085	2,695	2,539	2,568	2,711	2,718	2,719	
Western District	609	567	637	597	688	719	798	
Southern District‡	840	630	770	660	666	731	757	
Total (20 weeks)‡	4,534	3,892	3,946	3,825	4,065	4,168	4,274	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above		39	186	233	308	458	511	

* Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week. † Four-weekly periods changed.

‡ The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years, 1942 to 1947.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following statistics of production are obtained principally by means of returns collected monthly from producers by the Government Statistician of N.S.W. in conjunction with the Commonwealth Statistician. The figures are subject to slight revision on receipt of annual returns.

FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

Period.	Butter. (a)	Cheese. (a)	Processed Whole Milk Products.	Bacon and Ham.	Jam.	Preserved Fruit.	Preserved Vegetables.
thousand lb.							
Year—							
1938-39	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48	76,066	5,909	46,475	31,614	58,978	30,556	25,480
Month—							
1948—July	2,701	160	1,816	2,617	4,879	158	560
Aug.	3,435	233	2,358	2,486	4,434	206	837
Sept.	4,623	377	3,616	2,567	3,492	175	1,596
Oct.	7,309	681	4,794	2,138	2,109	99	1,937
Nov.	7,456	632	4,738	2,245	1,859	104	2,401
Dec.	8,336	625	4,486	2,848	3,888	3,759	900
1949—Jan.	8,632	625	4,448	1,854	3,726	1,298	2,445
Feb.	8,243	563	4,808	2,091	2,007	4,483	4,127
March	9,022	633	4,637	2,571	2,088	15,796	3,053
April	6,785	488	3,883	2,272	1,859	729	3,987

(a) Production in factories only.

Period.	Flour.	Bran (Wheaten).	Pollard (Wheaten).	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats.	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch).	Malt.	Biscuits. (c)
	tons (b).	tons (b).	tons (b).	cwt.	cwt.	bushels.	ooo lb.
Year—							
1938-39	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	*	640,915	43,611
1946-47	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1947-48	532,460	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
Month—							
1948—July	61,696	10,859	13,265	23,783	12,108	59,484	4,279
Aug.	61,645	11,313	13,890	14,500	11,466	54,851	4,232
Sept.	57,872	10,715	13,294	10,112	12,062	56,626	4,788
Oct.	56,617	10,330	12,705	7,329	11,083	53,860	5,282
Nov.	55,397	10,065	13,562	6,408	12,515	54,107	4,539
Dec.	49,150	8,654	12,111	4,861	11,601	44,577	4,580
1949—Jan.	55,235	9,787	13,344	8,514	6,794	37,537	3,236
Feb.	51,408	9,197	12,392	10,353	12,533	47,530	4,580
March	53,867	9,798	13,224	16,294	13,200	54,379	5,073
April	41,429	7,154	9,894	19,067	12,081	52,356	5,144

(b) Tons of 2,000 lb.

(c) Excluding ice cream cones.

* Not available.

Period.	Margarine.		Ice Cream.	Confectionery.		Beer.	Tobacco and Cigarettes.
	Table.	Other.		Chocolate.	Other.		
	ooo lb.	ooo lb.	ooo gal.	ooo lb.	ooo lb.	ooo gal.	ooo lb.
Year—							
1938-39	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899	15,252
1946-47	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654	19,813
1947-48	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,799	34,896	45,626	19,565
Month—							
1948—July	805	3,100	316	2,688	3,125	4,662	898
Aug.	905	2,885	449	2,924	3,106	4,627	789
Sept.	1,108	3,498	573	2,714	3,137	4,793	923
Oct.	1,097	2,908	610	2,638	2,975	4,730	940
Nov.	1,353	3,012	695	2,322	2,797	5,024	1,051
Dec.	1,028	2,588	814	1,912	2,321	4,876	994
1949—Jan.	886	1,595	747	1,207	1,619	4,679	622
Feb.	996	2,690	799	2,036	2,555	4,516	865
March	1,315	2,740	671	2,448	2,822	5,128	1,048
April	804	2,480	492	2,267	2,421	3,692	822

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued*.

METALS, COAL AND ENERGY.

Period.	Gold.	Coal.	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Gas.	Electricity.
	fine oz.	ooo tons.	ooo tons.	ooo tons.	ooo tons.	million cub. ft.	million K.W.H.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	88,488	11,196(a)	1,136(b)	1,105(b)	1,169(b)	10,896	1,948
1946-47 ...	43,607	11,212	1,184(b)	926(b)	1,315(b)	16,744	3,229
1947-48 ...	50,599	11,780	1,366(b)	1,030(b)	1,343(b)	18,093	3,546
Month—							
1948—July ...	4,287	1,087	94	70	92	1,539	341
Aug. ...	5,477	1,120	108	78	100	1,663	324
Sept. ...	5,617	1,139	113	84	103	1,586	317
Oct. ...	5,597	934	82	71	82	1,518	307
Nov. ...	4,708	994	84	61	70	1,449	305
Dec. ...	5,712	1,039	97	79	93	1,441	298
1949—Jan. ...	5,376	561	79	68	83	1,422	284
Feb. ...	3,745	955	93	72	93	1,328	288
March ...	5,697	1,075	99	77	96	1,531	324
April ...	†	928(e)	88	80	91	1,536	299

(a) Year ended 31st December, 1939.

(b) Year ended 31st May.

(c) Preliminary total for May, 1,126,000 tons.

† Not yet available.

MISCELLANEOUS METAL PRODUCTS.

Period.	Engines (Internal Combustion).		Electric Motors.		Motor Bodies.		Cycles.
	Marine.	Other.	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.	Trucks, Trailers and Vans.	All Other.	
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39	977	1,214	26,671 (d)		3,553	2,023	36,416
1946-47	2,803	8,943	82,382 (d)		2,071	774	30,259
1947-48	2,839	11,165	80,465(d)	25,533(d)	3,384	988	28,567
Month—							
1948—July	224	1,063	7,863	2,940	267	78	2,220
Aug.	253	1,054	8,329	2,965	285	101	2,473
Sept.	237	1,226	8,067	3,384	285	108	2,596
Oct.	220	1,372	7,056	2,657	265	105	2,629
Nov.	181	1,239	7,139	2,433	293	120	3,574
Dec.	173	1,065	6,345	2,145	237	99	4,280
1949—Jan.	130	669	4,604	1,709	195	65	1,386
Feb.	184	1,136	6,758	2,533	231	92	2,206
March	177	1,303	7,999	2,921	269	86	2,595
April	194	1,371	5,061	3,033	220	71	2,419

(d) Electric motors for sale as such; monthly totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products of the establishment.

CLOTHING.

Period.	Hats (Felt).	Corsets and Corselets.	Brassieres.	Gloves.		Boots and Shoes. (f)	Slippers.
				Dress.	Work. (e)		
	doz.	doz.	doz.	doz. pairs.	doz. pairs.	ooo pairs.	ooo pairs.
Year—							
1938-39 ...	135,262	46,112	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946-47 ...	142,781	37,287	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947-48 ...	140,662	44,285	84,945	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
Month—							
1948—July ...	10,675	4,287	7,907	963	9,802	*	*
Aug. ...	10,180	3,932	8,218	1,093	9,059	*	*
Sept. ...	13,358	4,180	9,449	1,056	11,462	*	*
Oct. ...	13,170	3,709	8,602	876	11,211	*	*
Nov. ...	16,044	3,766	9,606	1,036	12,562	*	*
Dec. ...	8,539	4,455	8,652	698	10,277	*	*
1949—Jan. ...	10,299	2,212	5,723	603	7,367	391	141
Feb. ...	13,001	3,741	9,379	599	8,723	455	234
March ...	15,629	5,271	12,507	856	10,457	535	334
April ...	11,923	3,613	8,638	591	7,546	389	241

(e) Excluding rubber gloves.

(f) Includes sandals but not rubber footwear.

* Not available.

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—continued.

BUILDING MATERIALS AND FITTINGS.

Period.	Sawn Timber (Native).	Bricks.	Tiles.		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Cement.
			Terra Cotta.	Cement.			
Year—	million sup. ft.	ooo.	ooo.	ooo.	ooo sq. yd.	ooo sq. yd.	tons.
1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	*	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,985	441,023
Month—							
1948—July	29.9	26,358	2,034	481	798	404	41,939
Aug.	23.4	30,519	2,183	517	675	423	42,570
Sept.	30.3	32,645	2,352	582	837	438	42,275
Oct.	32.9	27,577	2,102	520	860	399	42,757
Nov.	32.0	28,705	2,197	469	729	431	34,803
Dec.	30.4	26,282	1,802	434	630	358	29,848
1949—Jan.	37.2	17,021	1,371	370	647	329	27,539
Feb.	25.7	26,436	1,979	428	713	408	40,578
March	24.6	29,725	2,025	532	715	471	46,243
April	25.5	24,872	1,804	424	664	432	39,745

* Not available.

Period.	Paint (Oil).	Lacquers, Enamels, etc.	Stoves—Cooking—Domestic.				Gas Meters.
			Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.		
					Stoves.	Stovettes.	
Year—	ooo gal.	ooo gal.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39	1,695	863	17,154	17,736	4,930		24,619
1946-47	1,568	1,138	12,033	12,883	31,221		32,675
1947-48	1,762	1,404	11,748	14,627	8,942	27,912	43,552
Month—							
1948—July	*	*	1,346	2,259	740	*	3,911
Aug.	*	*	1,139	2,533	815	*	4,195
Sept.	*	*	1,369	1,859	755	*	3,984
Oct.	*	*	1,138	1,721	1,432	*	3,894
Nov.	*	*	1,182	2,026	1,331	*	4,102
Dec.	*	*	925	1,915	1,361	*	2,569
1949—Jan.	†	†	569	1,468	878	*	2,420
Feb.	†	†	1,061	2,188	1,622	*	4,147
March	†	†	1,039	2,291	1,340	*	4,246
April	†	†	960	2,129	1,637	*	3,849

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

Period.	Baths (all types).	Sinks.		Bath Heaters.			Coppers (complete).		
		Stainless Steel.	Other.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.
Year—				Number.					
1938-39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1946-47	*	6,969	*	*	2,714	*	*	*	*
1947-48	35,219	13,079	*	35,696	28,337	7,375	*	*	*
Month—									
1948—July	3,795	1,299	3,451	4,378	3,416	394	2,828	2,226	1,345
Aug.	2,870	1,257	3,114	4,561	2,714	465	6,253	2,192	1,474
Sept.	4,061	1,226	2,901	4,539	1,794	488	3,822	2,446	1,285
Oct.	4,248	1,146	2,430	2,972	2,040	557	4,331	2,067	755
Nov.	4,326	1,306	2,244	1,853	1,014	432	5,727	2,214	927
Dec.	4,217	957	2,725	2,849	912	657	5,597	1,812	585
1949—Jan.	2,995	700	2,694	1,671	522	239	3,972	1,222	293
Feb.	3,173	895	2,309	2,199	830	473	3,092	2,189	832
Mar.	3,604	1,408	2,863	2,798	1,101	474	5,024	2,301	759
April	3,351	1,012	2,204	2,298	1,080	445	6,868	2,007	849

* No tavailable

16. MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS—NEW SOUTH WALES—*continued.*

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Refrigerators—Household.			Wireless Cabinets.	Perambulators.
	Electric.	Gas.	Kerosene.		
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
1938-39	13,102			133,760	42,282
1946-47	21,567	12,598	6,810	196,978	48,859
1947-48	31,415	25,591	9,195	213,226	56,201
Month—					
1948—July	3,147	2,022	949	20,930	3,085
Aug.	3,831	1,848	808	20,022	3,387
Sept.	4,826	2,041	837	19,964	3,861
Oct.	5,139	2,008	703	14,381	3,243
Nov.	5,796	2,541	638	13,490	3,053
Dec.	5,096	2,045	269	11,342	3,766
1949—Jan.	3,743	1,814	513	7,294	3,493
Feb.	3,882	1,919	558	11,531	5,069
March	4,802	2,022	607	15,719	4,904
April	4,393	902	1,211	13,062	5,250

Period.	Mattresses.			Sulphate of Ammonia.	Sulphuric Acid.
	Spring.	Inner Spring.	Other.		
Year—	Number.	Number.	Number.	tons.	tons.
1938-39	79,140	17,407	*	20,960	85,501
1946-47	59,782	36,296	129,937	22,377	113,572
1947-48	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,011	111,101
Month—					
1948—July	4,788	5,667	15,780	1,620	7,680
Aug.	4,442	5,885	15,709	1,954	7,930
Sept.	4,661	6,392	14,812	2,056	8,210
Oct.	4,529	6,772	12,538	1,919	8,085
Nov.	4,555	6,958	12,634	1,598	6,962
Dec.	3,950	6,063	11,908	1,807	8,713
1949—Jan.	2,918	4,202	9,177	1,441	7,420
Feb.	4,752	6,518	12,179	1,596	8,878
March	5,338	8,729	16,221	1,612	8,117
April	4,053	6,804	13,212	†	7,814

* Not available.

† Not yet available.

Period.	Soap.			Soap Extracts and Powders.	Glycerine (Refined).
	Household.	Toilet.	Other.		
Year—	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1938-39	321,957	107,390	58,345	60,102	18,964
1946-47	161,822	188,232	79,311	196,457	21,928
1947-48	217,042	224,716	114,802	279,658	20,019
Month—					
1948—July	18,475	20,302	7,589	22,282	2,048
Aug.	20,133	18,561	6,597	19,686	2,455
Sept.	25,121	20,144	7,106	22,332	3,676
Oct.	30,748	22,378	6,934	32,971	3,979
Nov.	27,098	21,249	7,288	27,204	3,053
Dec.	24,224	20,583	5,294	27,235	3,220
1949—Jan.	16,373	14,761	4,580	23,102	1,750
Feb.	20,809	18,935	5,220	22,930	2,391
March	16,704	18,699	6,606	29,099	2,920
April	18,872	12,713	6,318	31,144	2,959

17. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	164	155	173	165	170	198	218
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	159	161	174	181	201	208	227
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	164	165	171	185	199	212	231
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	164	162	172	189	198	218	222
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	166	172	178	192	198	203	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	174	176	176	197	208	214	...
July ...	100	105	97	12	134	171	177	184	195	212	199	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	181	181	177	195	212	214	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	171	172	180	201	214	223	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	162	169	174	203	211	216	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	164	171	179	200	214	226	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	163	169	123	180	214	222	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	167	170	172	191	204	213	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

18. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	0 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 8
1947 ...	4	4.27	90	2 0	67	6 4	505	12 2	10	15 3
1948 ...	4	11.18	111	4 11	77	2 0	657	14 2	10	15 3
1947—October ...	4	4.96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8.56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December ...	4	8.56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January ...	4	7.85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February ...	4	7.58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March ...	4	9.87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
April ...	4	9.87	102	5 3	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
May ...	4	9.87	103	11 5	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
June ...	5	3.07	109	16 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
July ...	4	6.06	116	12 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
August ...	5	1.66	116	19 10	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
September ...	5	1.94	115	0 8	79	15 5	684	4 6	10	15 3
October ...	5	2.23	127	9 4	81	8 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
November ...	5	1.65	126	10 11	80	3 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
December ...	5	0.50	131	9 7	79	14 11	684	4 6	10	15 3
1949—January ...	4	9.61	140	1 8	119	15 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
February ...	4	10.76	140	2 10	119	13 5	683	16 5	10	15 3
March ...	4	10.76	133	16 8	119	9 2	683	16 5	10	15 3
April ...	4	11.92	108	8 7	110	3 11	683	16 5	10	15 3

19. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Million £.									
Year.	200'29	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46	418'98	...
January ...	13'24	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70	25'22	32'21
February ...	16'54	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28	30'33	39'63
March ...	15'78	19'33	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22	33'20	35'65
April ...	15'79	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'32	33'82	...
May ...	17'46	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33	35'61	...
June ...	14'88	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98	34'69	...
July ...	15'28	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82	35'28	...
August ...	16'81	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11	39'71	...
September ...	19'44	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00	39'15	...
October ...	19'22	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89	37'48	...
November ...	17'53	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	24'65	32'66	39'41	...
December ...	18'32	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	34'15	35'08	...

20. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	+ 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1948	302	303	+ 16'3	+ 20'6	+ 20'6	+ 6'0		
1948.								
March	26	24	+ 19'6	+ 20'8	+ 16'0	+ 7'0	+ 19'5	+ 19'1
April	22	25	+ 35'2	+ 29'4	+ 22'9	+ 8'4	+ 24'0	+ 21'1
May	27	26	+ 11'9	+ 26'4	+ 20'3	+ 8'4	+ 21'8	+ 19'7
June	24	25	+ 9'7	+ 26'6	+ 23'5	+ 7'2	+ 18'5	+ 22'2
July	27	27	+ 30'4	+ 19'0	+ 19'8	+ 5'7	+ 16'4	+ 21'1
August	26	26	+ 19'3	+ 17'1	+ 23'8	+ 5'8	+ 10'1	+ 22'3
September	26	26	+ 17'3	+ 17'3	+ 19'6	+ 3'9	+ 15'6	+ 21'1
October	26	23	+ 4'2	+ 15'6	+ 16'7	+ 3'3	+ 8'3	+ 20'0
November	25	26	+ 19'8	+ 13'6	+ 20'9	+ 5'7	+ 8'2	+ 19'1
December	24	24	+ 15'5	+ 11'9	+ 22'5	+ 2'8	+ 13'1	+ 20'3
1949.								
January	25	23	+ 12'2	+ 11'1	+ 21'4	+ 2'3	+ 16'0	+ 21'7
February	24	24	+ 16'1	+ 7'7	+ 18'7	+ 2'9	+ 14'7	+ 21'0
March	24	27	+ 21'1	+ 7'2	+ 17'8	+ 2'0	+ 16'9	+ 19'3

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 1.

21. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	95'85	103'99	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	30'47	33'55
Sales ...	28'44	31'91	Widows' Pensions ...	3'26	3'65
Income and Social Services	153'18	172'49	Child Endowment ...	15'75	20'95
Payroll ...	13'49	16'24	Hospital Benefits ...	3'78	4'25
Estate ...	3'65	3'63	Other ...	3'62	3'64
Entertainments ...	4'32	4'33	Payments to States ...	17'15	19'82
Other ...	2'70	1'96	Tax Reimbursed to States	32'62	39'20
Total Taxes ...	301'63	334'55	Post Office ...	23'72	29'42
Post Office ...	26'01	27'22	Other ...	68'79	87'29
Other ...	9'54	26'47	Defence and Post-War† ...	139'92	155'44
Primary Production — Self			Primary Production — Self		
balancing ...	7'95	19'01	balancing ...	7'95	19'01
Total Revenue ...	345'13	407'25	Total Expenditure ...	347'03	416'22

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund. † Includes Expenditure from Loan Fund £1,902,000 in 1948 and £8,964,000 in 1949, but omits special Credits from Trust Accounts of £18,273,000 in 1949.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (on Works and Services) in the ten months ended April consisted of advances to States for Housing, £10,040,000 in 1948, and £11,072,000 in 1949.

22. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	2,431	2,431	ing Fund ...	13,762	14,185
Reimbursement of Taxes...	13,599	16,149	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	982	1,065	Activities ...	1,432	1,472
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	5,779	6,556	Net Debt Charges ...	12,330	12,713
Other Taxes ...	1,305	1,610	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land ...	2,131	2,213	Governmental ...	25,247	28,661
Services ...	1,460	1,634	Business Undertakings ...	32,393	36,543
Other ...	3,480	4,141			
Total Governmental	31,167	35,799			
Business Undertakings ...	38,051	41,618			
Total Revenue ...	69,218	77,417	Total Expenditure ...	69,970	77,917

Loan expenditure on works and services during the ten months ended April was gross £15,064,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £14,612,000 in 1949, compared with gross £12,053,000 and net £11,133,000 in 1948.

23. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318·0	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	40·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947 " ...	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
1948 " ...	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
1948—January ...	673·2	45·5	16·9	59·9	264·1	336·7
February	686·6	43·5	21·4	59·1	269·4	337·2
March ...	705·6	49·4	26·4	59·1	275·2	333·7
April ...	709·5	49·8	31·3	59·1	280·5	338·1
1949—January†	791·1†	53·8	32·0	61·3	321·1	363·2†
February	813·3	51·4	32·1	62·0	344·1	363·2
March ...	826·0	47·7	28·4	64·9	365·1	360·0
April ...	830·6	44·6	19·0	64·4	379·4	372·7

* Excluding London Funds.

† From January, 1949, certain banks made a technical change in method of compilation. This has the effect of reducing both deposits and advances (the amount was approx. £9 m. in January).

24. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 23 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W.				All Trading Banks.			
	Deposits.			Advances, etc.	New South Wales.		Australia.	
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Deposits.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances, etc.
million £.								
1946—June	163·1	74·1	237·2	90·6	}	*		*
1947—June	174·6	69·7	244·3	116·5				
1948—June	197·5	67·9	265·4	142·9				
October	207·0	71·1	278·1	150·7				
November	214·6	71·2	285·8	151·0	329·5	201·5	828·8	455·5
December	223·8	73·1	296·9	149·7	337·9	202·5	852·6	458·6
1949—January†	223·6	73·9	297·5	139·9	351·2	202·3	880·0	458·6
February	227·5	73·7	301·2	139·9	353·7	194·1	885·5	453·5
March	230·8	73·0	303·8	140·9	358·3	195·7	909·9	454·9
April	232·8	72·3	305·1	138·6	360·3	194·2	922·9	455·3
				146·2	363·4	202·7	929·5	470·2

* Comparable figures for "All Trading Banks" are not available prior to October, 1948.

† Not strictly comparable with December, 1948, and previous months. See note † Table 23.

25. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits,†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.				
			1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1937 ...	81,952	January	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430	238,564
1938 ...	86,016	February	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182	240,000
1939 ...	87,474	March	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712	240,282
1940 ...	82,111	April ...	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788	240,452
1941 ...	87,750	May ...	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034	...
1942 ...	94,538	June†	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964	...
1943 ...	122,405	July ...	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265	...
1944 ...	162,867	August ...	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910	...
1945 ...	198,203	September	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246	...
1946 ...	236,242	October	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831	...
1947 ...	231,368	November	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031	...
1948 ...	236,964	December	219,560	231,311	231,250	237,924	...

* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount of Savings Certificates outstanding in New South Wales was £26,979,375 at 30th April, 1949. The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949.

26. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	191.4	98	150	152	154	196	236	282
February ...	75.5	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	213.2	96	147	149	157	194	231	274
March ...	80.5	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	238.0	93	146	145	164	193	230	267
April ...	70.7	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	244.7	98	150	154	176	218	253	300
May ...	82.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	261.2	100	158	160	184	229	269	315
June ...	80.3	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	...	101	166	169	195	236	289	...
July ...	71.2	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	...	98	168	167	206	229	291	...
August ...	74.9	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3	...	99	169	168	214	227	287	...
September ...	74.9	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	229.7	...	99	163	166	217	232	293	...
October ...	78.0	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2	...	100	159	166	216	234	291	...
November ...	86.1	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2	...	102	153	164	211	243	298	...
December ...	91.7	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	246.5	...	106	152	159	208	243	296	...
Year ...	932.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2600.0	...	100	156	160	196	226	277	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

27. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total. Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
		£		£	£
1939—Year	50,520	18,179,537	156,787	7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 „	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 „	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 „	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 „	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1948 „	96,526	47,450,444	114,482	11,069,677	58,520,121
1948—March	6,738	3,145,331	12,593	1,162,297	4,307,628
December	10,948	6,451,603	5,345	528,959	6,980,562
1949—January	3,696	2,020,319	4,981	499,753	2,520,072
February	5,363	2,893,143	9,439	936,424	3,829,567
March	7,285	3,826,507	10,299	1,016,093	4,842,600

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

28. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1947—Year	2,799,175	788,685	1,452,174	5,040,034
1948 „	5,828,463	861,255	2,539,578	9,229,296
1948—March	451,649	69,132	213,530	734,311
December	579,944	74,294	356,242	1,010,480
1949—January	437,077	49,088	124,812	610,977
February	644,275	68,154	195,348	907,777
March	573,179	73,659	196,969	843,807

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

29. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April \$	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931—Sept. \$	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
1937—Mar. \$	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1948—Jan. \$	361.4	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8	271.5	283.7
May ...	359.1	315.1	178.4	186.7	403.5	265.9	277.1
Sept. ...	359.6	316.0	173.1	184.5	414.6	264.2	276.1
Oct. ...	354.9	315.2	173.5	180.2	419.1	262.3	273.0
Nov. ...	355.0	312.0	172.5	183.0	424.3	262.4	272.9
Dec. ...	351.7	301.0	172.6	180.6	431.0	259.4	268.2
1949—Jan. ...	354.8	295.7	172.5	182.2	438.5	259.5	269.7
Feb. ...	352.1	294.8	167.6	184.1	448.7	258.3	266.9
Mar. ...	345.1	288.3	165.2	180.6	464.1	254.6	262.2
April ...	338.8	286.9	160.7	171.0	466.5	250.7	255.8
May ...	340.8	283.2	158.8	179.9	469.5	251.5	256.7

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. \$ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937; the highest point since the war was in January, 1948.

30. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Long-dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.‡
Average for year—			Under 5 years (a).	10 years and over (a).				
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
			2 years (b).	12 years (b).				
1941	5'3	4'9	2'47	3'23	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1942	5'4	4'9	2'45	3'24	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1943	5'0	4'7	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1944	5'0	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1945	4'8	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73‡
1946	4'5	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1947	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—								
1948—April ...	4'4	4'3	2'38	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June	4'4	4'3	2'34	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
November ...	4'4	4'3	2'10	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'13§	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1949—January ...	4'4	4'3	2'10§	3'14	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
February ...	4'4	4'3	2'05§	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
March	4'4	4'3	2'06§	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
April	4'4	4'3	1'94	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent. § Revised.

31. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*						
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947	1948.	1949.	
	Thousand £.												
January ...	2,449	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	4,749	1,591	608	1,268	1,858	3,671	2,199	
February ...	2,438	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	4,475	1,841	593	1,179	2,031	2,400	2,838	
March ...	3,623	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	6,242	2,225	688	1,047	2,005	2,441	3,477	
April ...	2,245	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	5,192	2,025	526	1,431	1,674	2,551	2,529	
May ...	3,090	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	5,674	2,112	606	1,641	2,299	2,666	3,104	
June ...	2,613	2,373	3,593	4,617	4,911	...	1,658	864	1,708	2,079	3,550	...	
July ...	2,919	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	...	1,950	902	1,622	2,484	2,244	...	
August ...	3,068	2,238	5,670	5,346	5,137	...	2,770	861	2,352	2,085	2,307	...	
September ...	2,934	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842	...	1,513	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338	...	
October ...	2,330	3,260	5,826	4,833	4,904	...	1,713	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560	...	
November ...	2,381	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514	...	1,702	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718	...	
December ...	2,067	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796	...	1,344	899	2,473	2,220	2,417	...	
Year	32,157	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462	...	22,444	9,752	21,373	25,992	31,463	...	

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

32. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of May.			Five Months ended 31st May.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947	70,943	173,637	262,425	504,596	816,226	656,753
1948	56,557	204,464	182,501	146,602	901,089	886,882
1949	28,401	252,742	298,351	109,854	865,626	1,118,141

See note under Table 31.

* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

33. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36'1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39'9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43'3
December ...	1,326	1,047	1,831	1,279	1,359	45'7
1949—March ...	1,350	1,048	1,891	1,334	1,391	49'1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

34. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0
1949 ...	124 0	127 0	...	...	123 0	126 0	...	...

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th June, 1948 :—New South Wales, Males, 1,513,563; Females, 1,511,756; Persons, 3,025,319—39'4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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